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| <div></div> <p>The Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development (CTED) assists in the building and sustaining of strong social, environmental and economic foundations.</p> | |
| <div><p>Greetings!</p><p>Welcome to the first issue of Planners Update, a new electronic newsletter from CTED's Growth Management Services program. We will be sending this newsletter at least monthly to share helpful information related to planning in Washington state. We hope the electronic format will allow you to quickly review the information and choose those topics for which you would like more detail.</p><p>Please feel free to send us any comments or ideas for how to make this newsletter more useful. You can also use the link below to provide additional names of planners who might like to receive this newsletter in the future.</p><p>Leonard Bauer, Managing Director Growth Management Services</p></div> <div><p>Quick Links</p><p>www.cted.wa.gov/growth www.mrsc.org www.smartgrowth.org</p><p>To subscribe to this newsletter click the e-mail address below and include the words "Planning Directors' Newsletter."</p><p>Janu@cted.wa.gov</p><p>Employment Opportunity at Growth Management Services</p><p>Economic Development Planner. To apply visit our Web site at: www.cted.wa.gov/site/583/default.aspx</p></div> | <div><h3>Planner's Update: News That Planners Can Use</h3><hr/></div> <div><p>In this issue</p><ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audio Conference Training Series Municipal Storm Water General Permits Smart Growth Implementation Projects Hazard Mitigation Grants Available Affordable Housing Resources<hr/></div> <div><h4>Audio Conference Training Series</h4><p>Growth Management Services is proud to host the American Planning Association Audio Conference Training Series</p><p>Complete Streets February 14, 2007, 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Maintaining Neighborhood Character March 14, 2007, 1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Inclusionary Housing May 23, 2007, 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.</p><p>First in the series: Complete Streets Make room for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users on your auto-oriented roads. Learn how the complete streets movement provides safe and convenient user access and more choice in transportation modes, and how it has become a major tool for planning to improve communities. Through programs that rethink the physical design of streets, complete streets make cities and towns more livable and appealing to all residents. This program is technical in nature and is aimed at the practicing planner.</p><p>All trainings will be held at CTED's offices 906 Columbia Street SW, in Olympia Time after the audio conference is reserved for discussion.</p><p>Please RSVP to (360) 725-3000 or e-mail janu@cted.wa.gov</p><p>For more information on audio conference trainings visit www.planning.org/audioconference</p><hr/></div> <div><h4>Municipal Stormwater General Permits – Ecology</h4><p>On January 17, 2007, Washington State Department of Ecology issued three Municipal Stormwater General Permits. The permits will become effective on February 16, 2007.</p><p>Ecology will be holding informational workshops across the state in March to help city and county officials begin learning about the permit requirements. Information about the workshops can also be found online at: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/index.html.</p><p>If you are having difficulty accessing this information on line, or would like a hard copy, please contact:</p><p>Kathleen Emmett P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, WA98504-7600 telephone (360) 407-7386 or email: kemm461@ecy.wa.gov.</p><hr/></div> <div><h4>Smart Growth Implementation Projects - U.S. EPA</h4><p>Are you trying to encourage specific smart growth techniques like transit-oriented development? Or direct your transportation investments to better support smart growth? Are you looking to use smart growth to reach economic development goals?</p><p>EPA is soliciting applications from communities that want help with either policy analysis or public participatory processes. Selected communities will receive assistance in the form of a multi-day visit from a team of experts</p></div> |

organized by EPA and other national partners to work with local leaders. Applications will be accepted until March 8, 2007. For more information and application materials, please go to www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sgia.htm.

Hazard Mitigation Grants Available

With the recent Presidential declaration of disasters this winter, Washington local governments are eligible to apply for Hazard Mitigation Assistance grants. Letters of intent describing proposed projects are due to the Washington State Emergency Management Department February 8.

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds projects and hazard mitigation plans that reduce the effects of hazards and/or vulnerability to future disaster damage. For more information: www.emd.wa.gov/6-mrr/mit-rec/mit/hmgrp/hmgrp-idx.htm

Affordable Housing Resources

The Municipal Research and Service Center has gathered a large collection of resources on affordable housing topics at: <http://mrsc.org/Subjects/Housing/housing.aspx>

Sources of data and funding, example ordinances and plans, best practices, and numerous articles and publication make this one of the best local resources for information on this complex and important topic.

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